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## New Order Forms and FLU Order Forms Coming in the Mail

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New order forms are being distributed to Vaccine for Children (VFC) providers this month. The forms are being mailed out July 20–August 7, 2008. If you have not received a new order form and flu order form by August 11, please call the VFC program at 1-800-701-0704.

The new forms have many changes including the following:

- The tiered ordering system (i.e., monthly, quarterly) has been discontinued. Providers may now order at any time during the month, but **Providers may only order once a month**. This will allow providers to order at their convenience rather than on an arbitrary schedule.
- The VFC Order form now requires the inclusion of the previous month doses administered. This number can be obtained from CHIRP using the Inventory Management Module. Counts from the Tally Sheet can also be used to complete this section. This column was added at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) request.
- The VFC Order form now requires documentation of the previous month doses wasted. If a VFC Incident Report with the order form was not previously submitted earlier in the month, the VFC Incident Report for any wasted doses must also be included. This column was added at the CDC's request.
- The VFC Order form now includes the Provider Profile Data. When orders are processed, the VFC staff will be monitoring doses ordered with doses on hand, previously administered, and the profile data. This section was added at the CDC's request as well.
- **Please note that while we have added Pentacel®, Kinrix™, and Rotarix® to the order form, these vaccines are currently not available.** When the CDC makes them available to ISDH a notice will be distributed to VFC providers.

Flu order forms were also distributed with the new VFC order form. Flu order forms need to be completed and returned by August 15, 2008.

## New Syringe Presentation of ADACEL

Sanofi Pasteur has added a new presentation of their **ADACEL** vaccine (Tetanus Toxoid, reduced Diphtheria Toxoids with acellular Pertussis absorbed). ADACEL will now be available in boxes of 5 single dose syringes.

The vaccine is now available from the VFC Program. It can be ordered on the new order forms you will be receiving by mail or it can be written in on your current order form.

## **CDC Responds to Recent Concerns Regarding Gardasil and Its Safety**

Consumers, parents, health care professionals and others have raised questions regarding the safety of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) take all concerns about vaccine safety seriously, and have been closely monitoring the safety of Gardasil.

FDA and CDC closely monitor the safety of all vaccines through the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#). VAERS receives unconfirmed reports of possible side effects following the use of Gardasil and all vaccines licensed in the U.S.

Based on the review of available information by FDA and CDC, Gardasil continues to be safe and effective, and its benefits continue to outweigh its risks. CDC has not changed its recommendations for use of Gardasil. FDA has not made any changes to the prescribing information for how the vaccine is used or to the vaccine's precautions. In addition, FDA routinely reviews manufacturing information, and has not identified any issues affecting the safety, purity and potency of Gardasil.

The entire article "Information from FDA and CDC on Gardasil and its Safety", dated July 23, 2008, is available on the CDC website at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/vaers/FDA\\_and\\_CDC\\_Statement.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/vaers/FDA_and_CDC_Statement.htm)

### **Adult Immunization Schedules**

The Immunization Program now has the revised **2008 Adult Immunization Schedules** available for order.

Please note, there have been changes made to the Age- Base Scheduling, Medical/Others Indications Schedule, and Footnotes. To find out more about these changes or to download a copy, please use the link to CDC web site:

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/adult-schedule.htm#chgs](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/adult-schedule.htm#chgs)

and choose the link listed as "Changes in the schedule since last version".

If you would like a copy of the adult schedule on 11 ½ by 17 inch card stock, please contact Sarah Murphy at [smurphy@isdh.in.gov](mailto:smurphy@isdh.in.gov).

### **Immunization Scheduler Now Available from CDC**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recently released a web-based Catch-up Immunization Scheduler. This is designed to assist parents and providers in the task of deciding the best strategy for getting a child back on track with any missed or late immunizations.

The Scheduler is a downloadable, easy to use tool to quickly find out what vaccines are needed and when to give them to bring children up-to-date according to the currently recommended schedule. The Catch-up Immunization Scheduler is now available for download from the CDC website at:

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/scheduler/catchup.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/scheduler/catchup.htm)

You can also print off a copy of the Catch-up Immunization Schedule for persons aged 4 months - 18 years who start late or who are more than 1 month behind on the CDC website at:

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/downloads/child/2008/08\\_catch-up\\_schedule\\_pr.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/downloads/child/2008/08_catch-up_schedule_pr.pdf)

## Vaccine Storage and Handling—Vaccine Labeling

The location of each specific vaccine inside the storage unit should be clearly labeled. This can be accomplished by attaching labels directly to the shelves on which the vaccines are sitting or by labeling containers in which boxes of the same vaccine type are placed. Storing each vaccine in its own specifically labeled section of the refrigerator or freezer helps decrease the chance that someone will mistakenly administer the wrong type of vaccine.

Vaccine products that have similar packaging should be stored in different locations to avoid confusion and medication errors. For example, if you have pediatric and adult versions of the same vaccine, storing them in different locations lessens the chance that someone will inadvertently choose the wrong vaccine. Likewise, vaccines that have similar sounding names should be stored in different locations. For example, DTaP and Tdap vaccines might be easily confused, as could Hib and hepatitis B vaccines.

In addition to labeling the location of vaccines, mark each opened multidose vial with the **date** it was first opened. Mark reconstituted vaccine with the **date and time** it was reconstituted. Dating these vials is important for two reasons. First, some vaccines expire within a certain time after opening or after reconstitution. This may not correspond to the expiration date printed on the vial by the manufacturer. For example, multidose vials of meningococcal vaccine should be discarded if not used within 35 days after reconstitution, even if the expiration date printed on the vial by the manufacturer has not passed. Second, dating opened or reconstituted vials helps manage vaccine inventory by identifying vials that should be used first. Whenever possible, use all the vaccine in one multidose vial before opening another vial. Similarly, use all the reconstituted vaccine in one vial before reconstituting another vial. This policy helps to reduce vaccine waste.

### CHIRP Tip

When entering patient demographics always use legal first name and legal last name. If the patient has a nickname, place that in the Alias First Name or Alias Last Name field. If the patient's legal name is Robert Maurice Wilson, but goes by Rocky Wilson, put his legal name in the first and last name fields, and Rocky in the alias first name field. He will appear on the search screen whether you search for Robert Wilson or Rocky Wilson.

### CHIRP Informational Sessions

CHIRP Informational Sessions are designed for NON-CHIRP users interested in learning more about the benefits of using CHIRP in their facility or practice.

Call (888) 227-4439 or go to [CHIRP.IN.GOV](http://CHIRP.IN.GOV) to register.

August 14, 2008  
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

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Landsbaum Center for Health Education  
1433 North 6 1/2 Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

### CHIRP User Group Meeting - For *Current* CHIRP Users

This session is designed for CURRENT CHIRP users who are interested in learning about upcoming changes or who have specific questions regarding CHIRP usage.

Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the [CHIRP.IN.GOV](http://CHIRP.IN.GOV) to register.

August 14, 2008  
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### CHIRP Regional & Webinar Trainings

All trainings require pre-registration. To register please call (888) 227-4439

**Peru, IN – School Nurse Module**  
August 5 – 9:30am–11:30am

**Peru, IN – Introduction to CHIRP**  
August 5 – 1:00pm–3:30pm

**Indianapolis, IN – School Nurse Module**  
August 12 – 8:00am–10:00am  
August 12 – 10:30am–12:30pm

**Webinar – School Nurse Module**  
Requires Internet connection and computer speakers.  
August 27 – 7:00am–9:00am  
August 27 – 10:00am–12:00pm  
August 27 – 1:30pm–3:30pm